trade delegations from 23 countries visited IITF '87. 10 seminars with high level of participation from trade and industry were organised.

(b) A statement is attached.

Statement

Names of Countries which participated in IITF '87 at National Level

1. Italy
2. U.S.S.R.
3. Japan
4. G.D.R.
5. Federal Republic of Germany
6. Pakistan
7. Czechoslovakia
8. Poland
9. South Korea
10. Yugoslavia
11. Romania
12. Brazil
13. Singapore
14. Bulgaria
15. Hungary
16. Mexico
17. Bangladesh
18. Vietnam
19. Sri Lanka
20. Nepal
21. Afghanistan
22. Laos
23. Bhutan
24. P.L.O.

Imposition of Cess on Import of Technology

3289. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to impose a five per cent cess on all payments for the import of technology; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) The Research and Development Cess Act, 1986 (32 of 1986) which imposes a five per cent cess on all payments for the import of technology has been brought into force from 1st December, 1987.

(b) It was envisaged in the Long Term Fiscal Policy announced in December, 1985 that a "Research and Development Cess would be imposed on all payments made for import of technology. The proceeds of the cess so levied shall be paid to the Industrial Development Bank of India, after due appropriation by Parliament by law for being utilised for the purpose of the Venture Capital Fund. The proposed Venture Capital Fund shall be utilised for providing further incentives for the commercial application of indigenously developed technology and to adapt imported technology to wider domestic applications."

Rejection of Applications for the import of Penicillin V 1st Crystals

3290. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR PATTNAIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether applications for import of Pencillin V 1st Crystals rejected on grounds of switch over from Penicillin G 1st Crystals are in order;

(b) whether a Small Scale Unit whose application has been rejected on the above grounds has already been allowed import of Pencillin V; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) One SSI Unit was granted Supplementary Licence for import of Penicillin G'/Pencillin 'V' during the licensing year 1984-85 on the basis of the recommendation of the Sponsoring Authority. However, during the subsequent licensing year 1985-86 and 1986-87 the said unit was granted the licences for import of Pencillin 'G' only as recommended by the Sponsoring Authority. Since